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SUBJ: SYRIAN FONMIN'S VISIT TO KUWAIT

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1. DURING PRIVATE CHAT AT KUWAIT FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD'S HOME AUG 18, I ASKED HIM ABOUT FONMIN KHADDAM'S AUG 9 VISIT TO KUWAIT; AND SPECIFICIALLY WHETHER KHADDAM REAIDED SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE USE OF ARAB OIL BOYCOTT (REFTEL).

2. SABAH SAID PURPOSE OF KHADDAM'S VISIT WAS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL HELP FROM GOK. REFERRING TO KUWAITI ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT AND SYRIA, SABAH OBSERVED KUWAIT'S PREDICAMENT WAS THAT OF HUSBAND WITH TWO WIFES. IF YOU GIVE SOMETHING TO ONE, THE OTHER COMES RUSHING TO DEMAND SIMILAR TREATMENT. SABAH INDICATED, HOWEVER, GOK HAD AGREED LOOK INTO ADDITIONAL WAYS KUWAIT CAN HELP SYRIA.

3. SABAH SAID EMPHATICALLY THAT SUBJECT OF ARAB OIL BOYCOTT HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN MENTIONED AT ALL DURING KHADDAM'S VISIT. "PLEASE REPORT THAT TO WASHINGTON", HE ADDED.
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